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**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE  
MONTANA STATE AUDITOR**

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	Case No.: INS-2016-168
	)	
Joseph B. Parmelee,	)	<b>CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL</b>
	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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This Consent Agreement (Agreement) and Final Order (Order) are entered into by the Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI), acting pursuant to the authority of the Montana Insurance Code, Mont. Code Ann. § 33-1-101 et seq. (Code), and Joseph B. Parmelee, (Respondent).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Respondent is an insurance producer who is contractually authorized to sell financial products on behalf of Atlas Settlement Group, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Respondent solicited the sale of insurance products within the state of Montana prior to being licensed to do so;

WHEREAS, Respondent was not appointed by an insurance company at the time he solicited sales in Montana;

WHEREAS, Respondent violated § 33-17-201 by acting as an unlicensed insurance producer; and

WHEREAS, the CSI and Respondent agree that the best interests of the public would be served by entering into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings contained in this Agreement, the CSI and Respondent hereby agree to settle this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

**STIPULATIONS AND CONSENTS**

1. Respondent stipulates and agrees to the following:
  - A. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the Recitals;
  - B. Within fifteen (15) business days from the execution of this Agreement, Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty to the State of Montana in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The fine must be made payable to the State of Montana and sent to:  
  
Office of the Montana State Auditor  
c/o Darla Sautter  
840 Helena Avenue  
Helena, MT 59601
  - C. Respondent is now properly licensed pursuant to § 33-17-201 and appointed with an insurer pursuant to § 33-17-236.
  - D. With respect to the Recitals, Respondent specifically and affirmatively waives a contested case hearing and his right to appeal under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (MAPA), including Title 2, chapter 4, part 7, and elects to resolve this matter on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

E. Respondent fully and forever releases and discharges the CSI from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, demands, or expenses for damages or injuries, whether asserted or not asserted, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, arising out of or related to the Recitals or this Agreement.

F. Respondent's authorized representative acknowledges that he/she has read and understands each term of this Agreement and that this Agreement is entered into voluntarily and without reservation.

2. Both parties to this Agreement stipulate and agree as follows:

A. The CSI has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement;

B. This Agreement resolves the alleged violations set forth in the Recitals;

C. The CSI warrants and represents that so long as Respondent complies with the terms of this Agreement, the CSI will not bring any further action against Respondent arising from facts known to the CSI as of the date of the Agreement relating to the Recitals.

D. This Agreement is entered without adjudication of any issue, law, or fact. It is entered solely for the purpose of resolving the CSI's investigation and allegations, and is not intended to be used for any other purpose.

E. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled for two years from the date of execution of this Agreement with regard to the allegations set forth above. In the event Respondent violates the terms of this Agreement at any time before the applicable statute of limitations has run, the CSI reserves the right to seek any additional administrative penalties or further regulatory action.

F. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no other promises or agreements, either express or implied, have been made by the CSI or by any member, officer, agent, or representative of the CSI to induce Respondent to enter into this Agreement.

G. This Agreement may not be modified orally, and any subsequent modifications to this Agreement must be mutually agreed upon in writing to be effective.

H. This Agreement shall be incorporated into and made part of the attached Final Order issued by the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (Commissioner), herein.

I. The Order will be an order of the Commissioner and is effective upon signing. The CSI has jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Order, and failure to comply with it may constitute separate violations of the Act, as provided in Mont. Code Ann. § 33-1-318, and may result in subsequent legal action by the CSI.

J. This Agreement shall be effective upon signing of the Order.

K. This Agreement and Order are public records under Montana law and as such may not be sealed or otherwise withheld from the public.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**OFFICE OF THE MONTANA STATE  
AUDITOR, COMMISSIONER OF  
SECURITIES AND INSURANCE**

By: 

**BENJAMIN C. TILLER**  
Attorney for the CSI

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APPROVED AS TO FORM this ~~20~~ day of ~~October~~, 2016.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
{ATTORNEY FOR PARMELEE}

DATED this 29 day of July, 2016.

**JOSEPH B. PARMELEE**

Joseph B. Parmelee  
Signature

Joseph B Parmelee  
Printed Name

PRESIDENT  
Title

**FINAL ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority vested by Mont. Code Ann. § 2-4-603 and § 33-1-101 et seq., and upon review of the foregoing Consent Agreement and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the foregoing Consent Agreement between the Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor, and Respondent, Joseph B. Parmelee, is adopted as set forth fully herein.

DATED this 8 day of August, 2016.

**MONICA J. LINDEEN**  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance,  
Montana State Auditor

By:   
**ANDREW POSEWITZ**  
Deputy State Auditor

cc: Benjamin C. Tiller